

### **A Roadside Miracle** (Mark 10:46-52)

**Proposition:** Every person must have their own personal roadside miracle and can do so by laying hold of the great gospel truths here in our text tonight!

**I. The Desperation of the Sightless** (Vs. 46-48)

- A. Desperation in his Prospect (Vs. 46-47a)
- B. Desperation in his Pursuit (Vs. 47b-d)
- C. Desperation in his Persistence (Vs. 48)

**II. The Demonstration of the Scene** (Vs. 49-51)

- A. Demonstration of Care (Vs. 49a)
- B. Demonstration of Call (Vs. 49b)
- C. Demonstration of Cast (Vs. 49a)
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- E. Demonstration of Confession (Vs. 51)

**III. The Deliverance of the Saviour** (Vs. 52)

- A. Deliverance through Faith (Vs. 52a-c)
- B. Deliverance to Following (Vs. 52d)

Roadside Miracle (Mark 10:46-52)  
I recently read a story from Erasm  
Paul Rider about an old saint of  
God who lived in a grave. He owned...

Will this roadside miracle  
account has in it well spring  
of gospel truth that we must  
latch on to. Every person  
must have their own roadside  
miracle and can do so by  
laying hold of the gospel truths  
in the text before us tonight

### I. The Desperation of the Sightless-

There must have been people everywhere.  
People traveling to pass over in Jerusalem  
Others crowded the roads to his God's speed  
to the Disciples it must have been a desperate



day for these blind beggars. But the desperate we see

### A. Desperation in His Prospect (46-47)

vs 46 ends with Bartimaeus begging. There was not a lot of hope for this man. Even his name indicates he was the blind son of Blind father. Desperation was a way of life. But

then vs 47 heard a shout Jesus. He was passing thru. Have you ever gotten excited even desperate at the hearing of promising news. Here is a <sup>chance</sup>

### B. Desperation in His Pursuit - He <sup>(47b-d)</sup> pursued

Jesus the only way he could not by his stride but by his shout. "Jesus, thou Son of David." Direct reference to Messiah. He probably remembered his mother had comforted him by teaching him Is 35:5. Then the eyes of

ch desperation He cried out. When God reveals our sinful condition we are to <sup>call out</sup> desperately

### C. Desperation in His Persistence - 48

The changed him - The crowd spoke angrily to him and many have understood the word to be a threat to him. Physical dangers. Yet He cried the more. I've got to get thru to Him. Jesus may never pass this way again. Have Mercy on Me! Whitfield - the natural language of a soul brought to life <sup>at the feet of a sovereign God</sup> down

### II. The Demonstration of the Scene -

Here we see in this road side miracle a demonstration of the truth of the Gospel 2 Cor 4:4 in whom the god of this world hath

- 1) Paul Rader, an evangelist, told the story about a dear old saint of God who lived in a grove. He owned a bubbling spring of water bordering the roadside. The old man loved the Lord and walked with God daily. He was crippled and unable to do things that required physical strength. He had to sit the weary days in his home in the grove. Yet, he had a great desire to do something for others, yet because of his physical condition he felt there was not much he could do. Tears would run down his face as he thought of how little he could do to reach others for Christ. One night in prayer the Spirit of God lifted the heavy burden of his heart and said, "Stay! Stay by the road. There are many sinners there." The old saint of God had the spring dug out by the side of the road, and with rock selected from the brook, built up walls around the side and hung a dipper to a chain. Behind the spring, he had a rustic seat circling temptingly around the spring. Daily the old man sat in the rustic seat and greeted the passersby. When they stopped to get a drink of water, he would engage in conversation with them. He would offer them a seat in the shade and then would tell them the story of Jesus. Day after day he went on with this ministry until literally hundreds and thousands had heard the Gospel through the lips of the old man sitting by the spring at the side of the road.
- 2) ...of a blind father. Matt. Henry said, "he was the blind son of a blind father, which made the case worse, and the cure more wonderful
- 3) Isaiah 35:5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped." She may have said that someday there's gonna be some one that will help you son. That's Him! That's Him!

- 1) 2 Corinthians 4:4-6 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
- 2) ...cry for mercy. Psalms 102:17 He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.
- 3) Ephesians 4:22-24 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Like the old song says: *I'll tell you the best thing, I ever did do, I took off the old coat, And put on the new...*
- 4) John 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.
- 5) "...himself and give evidence of His own faith. What did he really believe Jesus could do for him?" Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.



A. Demonstration of Care - Vs 49a That is the most beautiful arrangement of 4 simple words. The chatty crowds could not deny the cry of mercy from the Saviour's ear. He stops. Even things lie ahead yet he stops to respond to cry.

B. Demonstration of Call - 49b There was an invitation extended to his blind men. He is demonstrating that his call his granting of salvation is not to self reliant self righteous ruler, but the needy cry of a desperate <sup>sinner</sup>.

C. Demonstration of Care - Vs 50a. Author indicate he did this to keep him from falling on the way to Jesus, or in faith that when he comes back he will see. I think This beggarly garment will not be needed any more. Eph 4:22-24

D. Demonstration of Consent - Vs 50b - He came to Jesus. No doubt the people in Vs 49a that came to Him with good news led him right to Jesus. He Consented. If you will ever be saved, you'll care of your own volition. Jn 6:35

E. Demonstration of Confession - Vs 51 Now that's a strange question? It seems to me that it would be obvious what Jesus doing here. Waver W. "Jesus wanted to give the man opportunity to express himself" and

III. The Deliverance by the Saviour - There nothing in the world that makes my wife more mad than a movie that doesn't end right. The rich young ruler didn't want to leave his all in the



slow, trial - wilderness, but when you come to the

### A. Deliverance thru Faith V552a-c

"Thru Faith." Now it wasn't that he simply had faith. Have faith in faith so to speak. Doesn't matter which one just have faith. No when it comes to faith the object or which that faith rests makes all the difference in the world. His faith was in Jesus Christ his ability, his authority, his availability. And Jesus graciously responded to that step of faith. Eph 2:8-9 For by grace are ye... There immediately delivered. The same is true any repentant sinner.

### B. Deliverance to following - V552d.

He followed Jesus. Barclay with "Hanna received his sight he followed Jesus. He did not selfishly go on his way when his need was met." He started walking in the footsteps of his master. So does every genuine roadside miracle recipient do when they meet Jesus. All tell you what he didn't do. Go back put on that old rag and start begging again. How often does this world flesh & devil try to drag us back into the beggar's rag.

III. Close. When I started this message I was looking on the internet for roadside miracle stories. I was frustrated by not finding any. The the H.S. reminded me of a roadside miracle. March 20 1994 (15 years ago)

- 1) ...to the end of your self like old Bartimaeus here, you are bound to have a happy ending.